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SUBJECT: CHILD MARRIAGE

REF: SECSTATE 36341

1. Per the Colombian Civil Code, the legal age of marriage in Colombia for both boys and girls is 18. However, with parents' consent men of 14 and women of 12 can marry.

2. Underage marriage is not a problem in Colombia.

3. There are no U.S. funded initiatives in Colombia regarding child marriage.

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